

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method of purchasing products and services over a
2 network comprising the steps of:
3 submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes
4 over the network;
5 receiving a plurality of bids in response to the RFQ over the network,
6 each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of
7 attributes;
8 creating a graphical visual interface having a plurality of equidistant,
9 parallel axes with a separate one of the plurality of attributes identified with
10 each respective one of the plurality of equidistant, parallel axes, and for each
11 of said plurality of attributes there is a point along said respective parallel axis
12 which reflects a corresponding attribute value for a respective attribute of
13 each corresponding one of said plurality of bids, and where each of said
14 plurality of bids is identified by a bid line which connects said plurality of
15 corresponding attribute values for each corresponding bid, whereby the
16 graphical user interface shows a relationship in a single graphical display via
17 said parallel axes ~~format a relationship, for each of said attributes, between~~
18 respective values of an attribute ~~values of different attributes of different for~~
19 respective bids of said plurality of bids in a single display, each of said
20 plurality of bids being responsive to said RFQ; and
21 displaying information pertinent to a selected bid of the plurality of
22 bids.

- 1 2. (canceled)
- 1 3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information is
2 one of a general information and detailed information related to at least one
3 bid of said plurality of bids.
- 1 4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 selecting a portion of a bid line; and
4 retrieving the general or detailed information from a database, the
5 general or detailed information being pertinent to the bid line.
- 1 5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the retrieved
2 general information is provided in a window adjacent the bid line.
- 1 6. (original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:
2 creating a display separate from the graphical visual interface; and
3 displaying the detailed information in the separate display.
- 1 7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the detailed information is
2 rendered in one of text, image, audio, sound, video, graphs and animation.
- 1 8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information is
2 attribute information associated with one bid line.
- 1 9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 selecting a portion of a bid line; and

- 4 retrieving the attribute information from a database for display.
- 1 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the attribute information is
2 one of text, image, audio, sound, video, graphs and animation.
- 1 11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 tagging at least one bid line; and
4 displaying the tagged at least one bid line on the graphical visual
5 interface after a selected filtering operation.
- 1 12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein graphical
2 information displayed on the graphical visual interface includes at least one
3 attribute value associated with the tagged at least one bid line.
- 1 13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 untagging the at least one bid line; and
4 removing the untagged at least one bid line from the graphical visual
5 interface in response to the selected filtering operation.
- 1 14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step
2 of displaying on the graphical visual interface a numerical indicator of a count
3 of the number of bid lines associated with the at least one bid, there being one
4 bid line for each bid, the count being displayed on the graphical visual
5 interface.

- 1 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising the
2 steps of continuously counting the number of bid lines and displaying said
3 continuous count of the number of bid lines in the graphical visual interface.
- 1 16. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of
2 enlarging or reducing a portion of the graphical visual interface.
- 1 17. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the enlarging or
2 reducing steps show portions of bid lines.
- 1 18. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of scrolling
2 the graphical visual interface in a desired direction.
- 1 19. (currently amended) A method of purchasing products and services over
2 a network comprising the steps of:
3 submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes
4 over the network;
5 receiving a plurality of bids in response to the RFQ over the network,
6 each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of
7 attributes;
8 creating a graphical visual interface based on a coordinate system
9 having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with a separate one of the
10 plurality of attributes identified with each respective one of the plurality of
11 equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality of attributes there is a
12 point along said respective parallel axis which reflects a corresponding
13 attribute value for a respective attribute of each corresponding one of said
14 plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid
15 line which connects said plurality of corresponding attribute values for each

16 corresponding bid, whereby the graphical user interface shows ~~a relationship~~
17 in a single graphical display via said parallel axes format a relationship, for
18 each of said attributes, between respective values of an attribute values of
19 different attributes of different for respective bids of said plurality of bids ~~in a~~
20 ~~single display~~, each of said plurality of bids being responsive to said RFQ;
21 and
22 tagging at least one ~~bid line~~ of the bid lines, wherein the tagged at least
23 one bid line remains displayed on the graphical visual interface after a
24 selected filtering operation.

1 20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 untagging the at least one bid line; and
4 removing the untagged at least one bid line from the graphical visual
5 interface in response to the selected filtering operation.

1 21. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the
2 step of providing information pertinent to the tagged at least one bid line.

1 22. (currently amended) A system for purchasing products and services over
2 a network comprising:
3 means for submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality
4 of attributes over the network;
5 means for receiving a plurality of bids in response to the RFQ over the
6 network, each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality
7 of attributes;
8 means for creating a graphical visual interface based on a coordinate
9 system having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with a separate one of

10 the plurality of attributes identified with each respective one of the plurality of
11 equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality of attributes there is a
12 point along said respective parallel axis which reflects a corresponding
13 attribute value for a respective attribute of each corresponding one of said
14 plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid
15 line which connects said plurality of corresponding attribute values for each
16 corresponding bid, whereby the graphical user interface shows ~~a relationship~~
17 in a single graphical display via said parallel axes format a relationship, for
18 each of said attributes, between respective values of an attribute values of
19 different attributes of different for respective bids of said plurality of bids ~~in a~~
20 single display, each of said plurality of bids being responsive to said RFQ;
21 and

22 means for providing information associated with a selected bid of the
23 plurality of bids.

1 23. (original) The system of claim 22, wherein the information is one of
2 general information, detailed information and attribute information.

1 24. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, further comprising:
2 means for selecting a portion of a selected bid line; and
3 means for retrieving the general or detailed information from a
4 database, the general or detailed information being pertinent to the selected
5 bid line.

1 25. (original) The system of claim 24, further comprising:
2 — means for creating a display separate from the graphical visual
3 interface; and
4 — means for displaying the detailed information in the display.

1 26. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, further comprising means
2 for tagging at least one bid line, the tagged at least one bid line being
3 displayed on the graphical visual interface after a selected filtering operation.

1 27. (currently amended) The system of claim 22, further comprising:
2 means for counting the number of bid lines ~~created from connected~~
3 ~~attribute values of the at least one bid~~, there being one bid line for each bid;
4 and
5 means for displaying a numerical indicator of the count of the number
6 of bid lines.

1 28. (original) The system of claim 22, further comprising means for
2 enlarging or reducing a portion of the graphical visual interface.

1 29. (original) The system of claim 22, further comprising means for scrolling
2 the graphical visual interface in a desired direction.

1 30. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having instructions
2 for purchasing products and services over a network, said instructions when
3 executed by a computer cause said computer to perform the steps of:
4 submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes
5 over the network;
6 receiving a plurality of bids in response to the RFQ over the network,
7 each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of
8 attributes;
9 creating a graphical visual interface based on a coordinate system
10 having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with a separate one of the

11 plurality of attributes identified with each respective one of the plurality of
12 equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality of attributes there is a
13 point along said respective parallel axis which reflects a corresponding
14 attribute value for a respective attribute of each corresponding one of said
15 plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid
16 line which connects said plurality of corresponding attribute values for each
17 corresponding bid, whereby the graphical user interface shows ~~a relationship~~
18 in a single graphical display via said parallel axes format a relationship, for
19 each of said attributes, between respective values of an attribute values of
20 different attributes of different for respective bids of said plurality of bids ~~in a~~
21 ~~single display~~, each of said plurality of bids being responsive to said RFQ;
22 and
23 providing information associated with a selected bid of the plurality of
24 bids.